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MEMBERS OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
OR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
6:00-9:00 PM

Come to Members Open House on Wednesday, October 14th or Thursday, October 15th. This is the spectacular annual event where the Academy opens its doors to you, our members, to meet the staff and to experience what goes on behind the scenes. It's our way of saying "thanks for supporting the Academy throughout the year!"

A costumed stegosaurus will welcome you to the Academy, and there are many surprises in store! In the Morrison Planetarium catch a mini-show of "Planetarium on Parade." Weather permitting, a telescope will be set up in the Whale Courtyard to view the stars above.

In Earth and Space Hall, join people from around the world by participating in "SpaceArc-The Archives of Mankind." This time-capsule of hopes and dreams will be launched into Earth orbit in 1994. On a special form, write down a poem, essay or drawing to help define who we are, our place on Earth and in the universe. Please bring a small photo (1 8/10 x 2 3/10) to attach to the form. The forms are optically scanned as digital messages so there is a \$2.50 processing fee. Leave a message for the future with "SpaceArc!"

Enjoy the island sounds of the Harmonics steel drum band, as they serenade you in the Cafe where a light supper will be served from 6-8 pm. Menus will range from \$4 to \$8.

The Academy Store will be open so you can enjoy your 10% discount.

OPEN HOUSE is an exclusive benefit for members only. This is a perfect time to invite your friends to become members and attend this event with you. We encourage you to consider gift memberships, which offer year-round benefits and help support education and research at the Academy. Use coupon on back page to order gift memberships.

Members Meetings in November: On November 11 at 2 and 7:30 pm, Gail Evanari will discuss Polynesia history and the importance of voyaging. On November 12 at 7:30 pm June Anderson, Traditional Arts Coordinator, will discuss Turkish rug weaving.

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Enjoy the customs of other cultures with the Academy's Traditional Arts program. Held Saturdays at 1 pm in either Morrison Auditorium or Wattis Hall, these programs provide entertainment for the whole family. Call 750-7164 for more information.

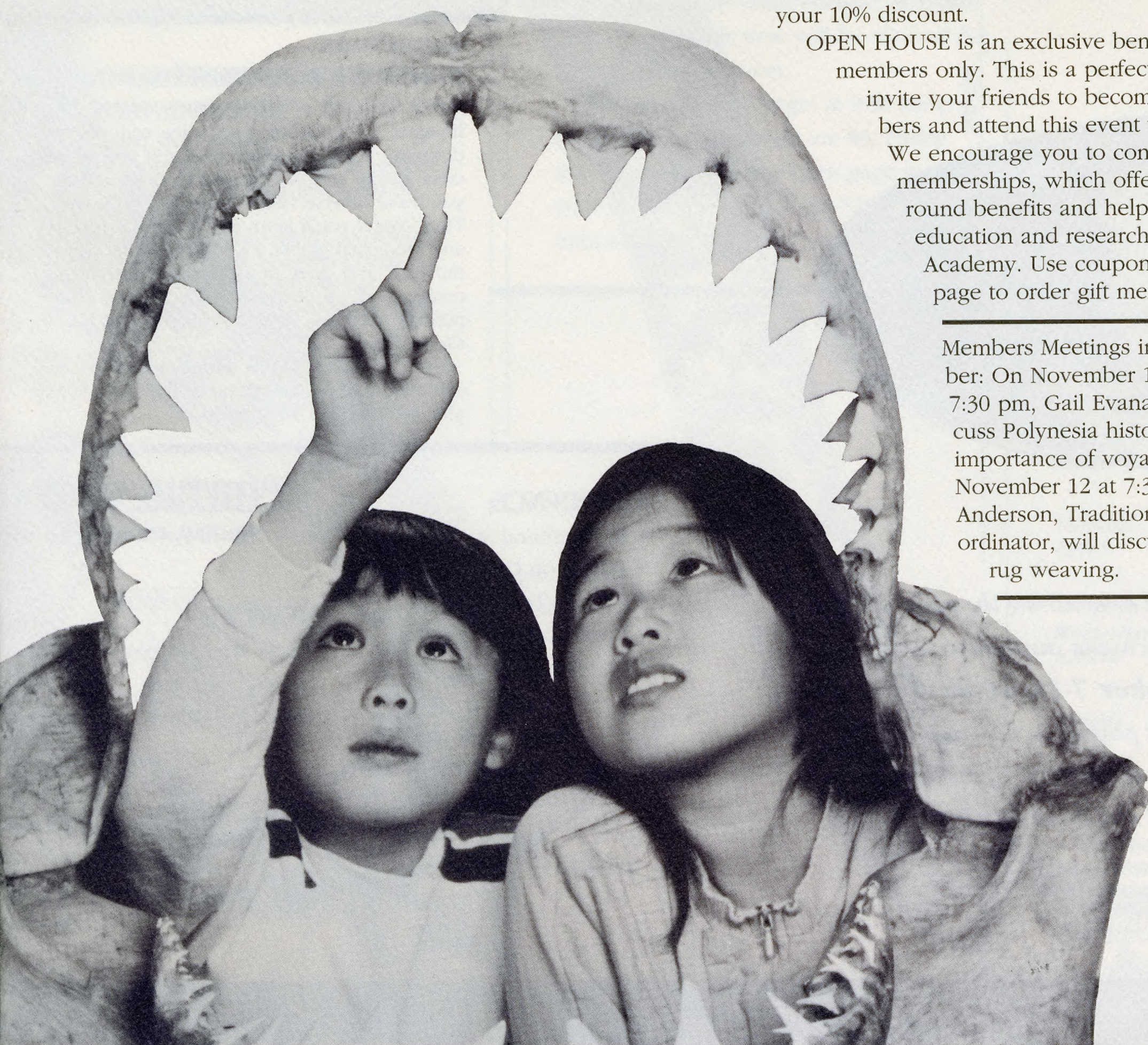
OCTOBER 3 — The British "pub" is primarily a place for socializing, where folks gather around the piano to sing songs that reflect regional life. Join Redmond O'Colonies, a native of Lancashire, as he recreates the ambience of a pub singalong (without the warm beer!).

OCTOBER 10 — To the Dineh-Navajo Indian-people of Arizona, sheep provide an economic base for self-sufficiency. Women rely heavily on their weaving to supplement their family incomes. Tribal elders from the Big Mountain region make a special visit to the Academy to demonstrate the techniques of blanket weaving.

OCTOBER 17 — At the age of eleven, Cheri Anderson learned the skills of African-American hair braiding from watching her mother and her aunt. Carrying on the tradition, Cheri demonstrates the intricate and time-consuming process, designing elaborate and beautiful patterns with the aid of beads, wire, oils, combs and thread.

OCTOBER 24 — In a program entitled "Honor Your Partner," children from the Ross Valley Community for Schools trace the evolution of American country dances from their historical roots in Europe with a selection of jigs, reels, contras and square dances.

OCTOBER 31 — Celebrating Mexico's *Dia de los Muertos* (November 1), Martin Espino and the Nahualli Trio perform pre-Columbian music on a variety of indigenous percussion and wind instruments, including Aztec flutes (*tlapitvalli*), whistles (*silbatos*), rainsticks, the hand-drum (*buehuatl*), and the conch shell trumpet (*tepuzquitzli*).



ADULT EDUCATION

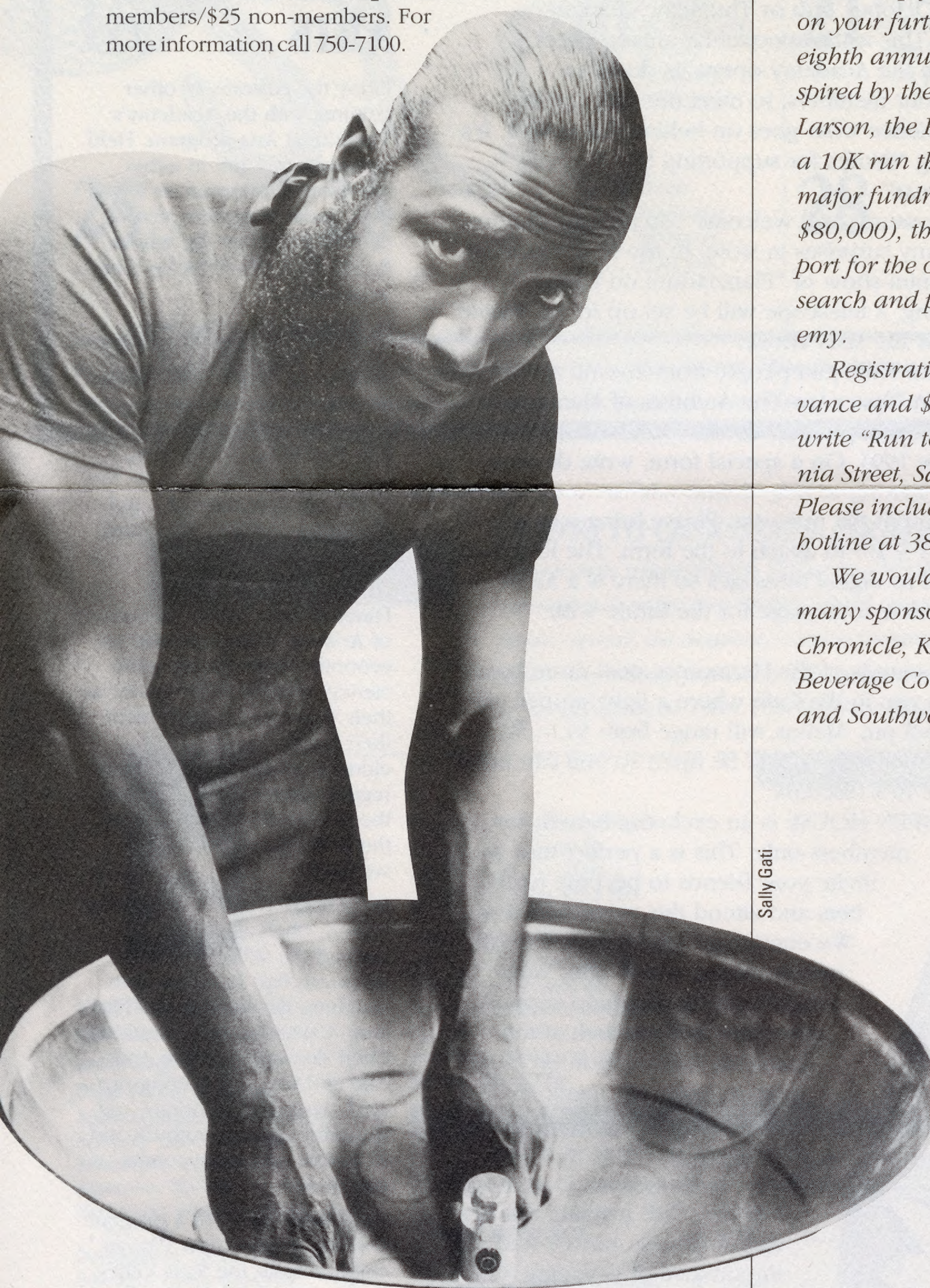
The new Fall schedule features some great classes. Here is a selection of our offerings:

In Search of Genes: Today's "Chromosome Columbuses"
Just as Columbus set out into uncharted waters in search of India, so today's "Chromosome Columbuses" head into inner space to follow our DNA chains in search of genes. Somewhere in the three billion units of DNA found in each of your cells lie the 100,000 or so genes that provide the instructions for building a human. In this class we will follow the path of the scientist who located the gene that caused cystic fibrosis...the molecular equivalent of finding a needle in a haystack.

October 12 & 19, 7-9 pm. Cost: \$25 member/\$30 non-member

Oak Woodlands
Oak woodlands are one of California's most valuable and under-appreciated natural resources. Often taken for granted because they are so common, oaks are keystone species: many animals and plants depend directly or indirectly on oaks for food or shelter. We'll explore the diversity of oak habitats at the Academy's Pepperwood Preserve near Santa Rosa, starting with oak identification and moving on to the role oaks play in the ecology of California.

October 18, 10 am - 4 pm. Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members. For more information call 750-7100.



Sally Gati

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Trinidadian musician Ansel Joseph will demonstrate the entire process of making and tuning a steel pan—a percussion instrument constructed from a 55-gallon oil drum. From **October 7-11, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm** in Cowell Hall watch Ansel's progress as he hammers, or "sinks," the top of the steel barrel, traces the pattern of individual notes on the concave surface, tempers the steel and finally tunes the musical scales.



RUN TO THE FAR SIDE

Sunday, November 29, 1992
8:30 am Start

Lace up your running shoes and put on your furthest far out costumes for the eighth annual Run to the Far Side. Inspired by the cartoon creations of Gary Larson, the Run is a 5K run or walk and a 10K run through Golden Gate Park. A major fundraiser, (last year's Run netted \$80,000), the Run provides crucial support for the ongoing environmental research and public programs of the Academy.

Registration for the Run is \$15 in advance and \$20 on race day. To register, write "Run to the Far Side," 3929 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118.

Please include a SASE. Or call the race hotline at 387-2178.

We would like to recognize the event's many sponsors: The San Francisco Chronicle, KGO-TV, KRQR-FM, Nestle Beverage Company, Roundtable Pizza and Southwest Airlines.

L E C T

For the following lectures please use the coupon on page 10.
Call 750-7128 for recorded lecture information.

"FOOD FOR THE GODS: THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD IN THE RELIGIONS OF THE AFRICAN/ATLANTIC WORLD"
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7:30 PM

Behind the carnival masks and music of the African/Atlantic world, are the gods of the religions of the African diaspora.

Over the centuries, these forces have been invoked and appeased with food and drink, as well as music and dance. In this slide and tape-enhanced lecture, Jessica B. Harris will examine the foods for the gods of the African/Atlantic world.

Ms. Harris is the author of four cookbooks, including the recently published *Tasting Brazil: Regional Recipes and Reminiscences*.

TICKETS -MEMBERS \$5/NON-MEMBERS \$7

"MOVING THE STREETS INDOORS—THE MAKING OF CELEBRATE! CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL ARTS" WITH DR. JUDITH BETTELHEIM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 7:30 PM

In this special lecture Dr. Judith Bettelheim, co-curator of *Celebrate! Caribbean Festival Arts*, will discuss the creation of this spectacular exhibit, and how it reflects the diversity of the people and cultures of the Caribbean. She will describe the fieldwork she has conducted in the Caribbean since 1975, focusing on Afro-Caribbean culture and festivals.

TICKETS -MEMBERS \$5/NON-MEMBERS \$7

"LIFE IN A JUNGLE WITH DR. DONALD L. LEAKEY"
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:30 PM

Dr. Donald Leakey is known for his daring expeditions into the Central American rainforest canopy. In this slide and tape-enhanced lecture, he will discuss the search for the origins of man, the search for the origins of the rainforest, and the search for the origins of the human mind.

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THE ALLEN O'BRYEN MEMORIAL LECTURE: "THE EVOLUTION OF REASONING IN THE HUMAN MIND"
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:30 PM

Presented by the Academy of Sciences, L.S.B. Leakey Foundation

In what amount to a revolutionary "critique of the human mind," scientists at the Academy of Sciences have collected a series of specimens that evolved in the process of solving the adaptive problems that our hunter-gathering ancestors regularly faced.

Join scientist Tooby and Dr. Leakey for this special lecture. This fascinating topic will be explored. The lecture will start at 6 pm in the Lecture Hall.

RECEPTION & LECTURE: MEMBERS \$30/NON-MEMBERS \$35. LECTURE ONLY—MEMBERS \$15/NON-MEMBERS \$20

ACADEMY TRAVEL

DOLPHINS & RAINFORESTS with Dr. Tom Daniel. April 10-24, with Tikal Extension to April 27.

Imagine . . . a sparkling sea alive with playful dolphins, a lush, verdant rainforest and an ancient Mayan temple. Our trip to Belize offers you these diverse vistas and more! With Dr. Tom Daniel you'll learn about tropical forests and medicinal plants; explore a spectacular barrier coral and share in a dolphin research team's work on Blackbird Caye. If your time permits, continue on to the magnificent Mayan site of Tikal.

Space is limited to just ten places on this exciting expedition, so call now. Trip cost: \$2,980 plus \$890 airfare. Tikal: \$890.

EXPERIENCE:

- Multicultural Storytellers
- Hands on Crafts
- Tattoos/Face Painting
- Rainforest Puppet Show
- Iguana/Turtles/Snakes

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

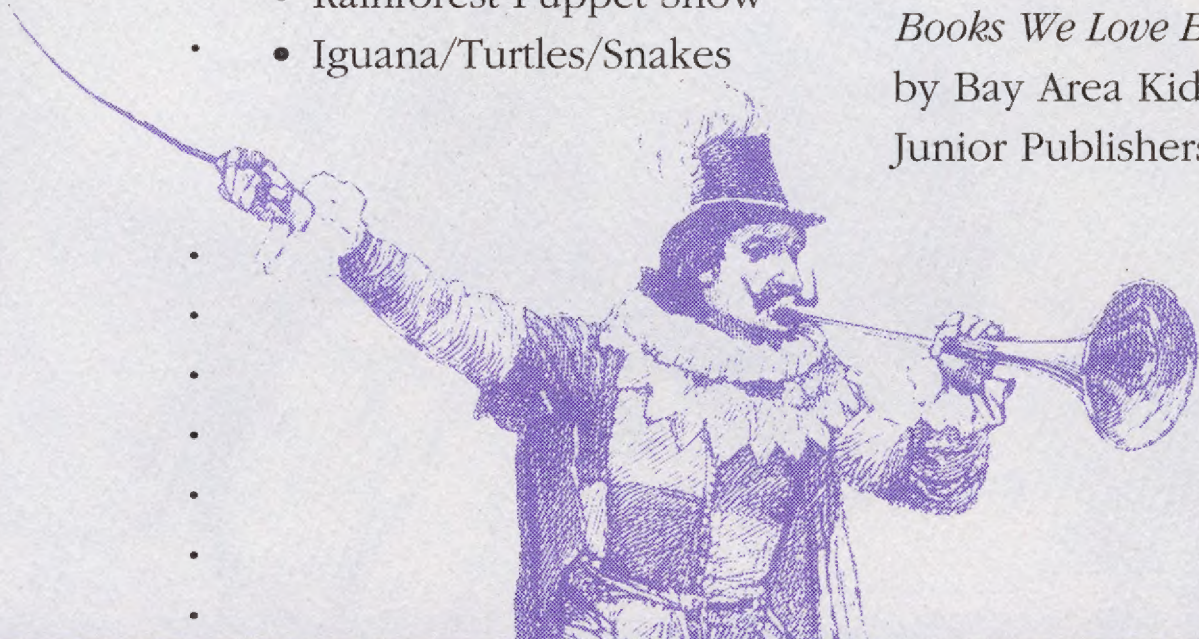
Sunday, October 11 12:30-4:00 pm

REVIEWS:

Books We Love Best by Bay Area Kids, Junior Publishers

PREMIER

"Window into the World" exhibit: a collection of objects by children from around the world.



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THE PLIGHT OF THE
"PINK" DOLPHINS
WITH ROXANNE KREMER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:30 PM
While travelling in the Peru-
vian Amazon Basin in 1982,
Roxanne Kremer learned about
the threats to the rainforest and
the unique, "pink" river dol-
phins which inhabit its rivers.
Since that time, she has dedi-
cated herself to preserving the
ecosystem of this endangered
area as well as the indigenous
peoples whose culture are
threatened.

In 1986 Ms. Kremer estab-
lished the International Society
for the Preservation of the
Tropical Rainforest (I.S.P.T.R.)
and its first project, Preservation
of the Amazonian River Dolphin
(P.A.R.D.). These organizations
were critical to the establish-
ment of the 37,000 acre
Cumaceba Reserve which is
now protected from deforesta-
tion and, in 1988, established
the first river dolphin reserve on
the Amazon. Most recently they
received accreditation from the
United Nations to participate in
the "Earth Summit" in Rio de
Janeiro last June.

On November 10 at 7:30 in
the Morrison Auditorium, Ms.
Kremer will share her experi-
ences in a slide-enhanced lec-
ture.

TICKETS- MEMBERS \$5/NON-MEMBERS \$7

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK-TEXAS WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

with Dr. Bill Light, May 19-June 1.
Join expert naturalist, Dr. Bill Light, to explore
Big Bend, one of the last truly unspoiled re-
gions in the Lower 48.

Explore the Chihuahuan desert, alive with
blooming cactus; hike the beautiful Chisos
Mountains; then descend to spectacular
Boquillas Canyon for a gentle canoe river trip.
Trip cost: \$2,360 plus \$420 airfare. Call the
Travel Office at 750-7348 for more informa-
tion.

FESTIVAL OF NATURE

0-3:30 pm Cowell Hall

ENJOY:

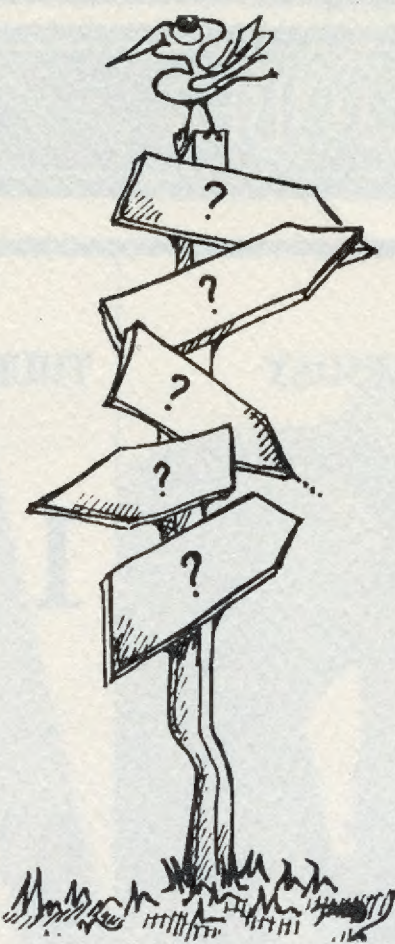
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MEET:

- Children Book Authors/
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Susan Marshak—
I Am the Ocean,
Mira Reisberg—
Baby Rattlesnake,
Joanne Ryder—
Dancers in the Garden
• and more



"Which way should I turn?"

ON YOUR OWN: An Estate Planning Seminar

October 27, 9:30-11:00 am

The Academy has designed a special
seminar to address the particular estate
planning issues of single individuals.
Whether you are widowed, divorced,
never married, with or without heirs, this
seminar will answer your questions and
address your concerns.

Please join us for coffee and pastries
on October 27 and get answers to ques-
tions like:

- How can I avoid estate taxes?
- Why are taxes higher on my retire-
ment plan assets?
- What is probate?
- How should I hold title to property?
- Do I need a trust?
- Is my estate plan up to date?

Bill Hoehler, partner in the San Francisco
law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro and
specialist in estate planning will cover the
basic principles of estate planning, wills,
taxation, and probate. His presentation
will be followed by a discussion of chari-
table planning by Carol Pollock, Academy
consultant. Ample time will be allowed for
questions and answers.

The seminar will begin at 9:30 am at
the Academy and tickets are \$5. Please
use the coupon on the back page to order
your tickets. Please call 750-7216 for more
information.

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"EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE"

Are you wondering what ever happened to the Hubble Space
Telescope? Launched in 1990, the Space Telescope was touted
as the instrument that would extend our vision to the edge of
the universe. But something went wrong, and the press called
the project a disaster!

But was it? On **October 6** Morrison Planetarium's "Exploring
the Universe" presents **"HST: Back From the Dead."** Dr. Sandra
Faber, a member of the Wide-Field Camera Team, was one of
the three astronomers who discovered and diagnosed the optical
flaw that distorted the first images received from the telescope.
She will describe her subsequent work with the telescope and
the status of the ambitious, on-going program to fix it. She'll
show current pictures of galaxy nuclei, star clusters, and more.

Other talks in the series include:

November 17 — **"SETI: The Search Begins."** Dr. Jill Tarter,
SETI Institute.

December 15 — **"Journey to the Red Planet."** Dr.

Geoffrey Briggs, Center for Mars Exploration, NASA Ames
Research Center.

All programs begin at 7:30 pm in the Planetarium. Tickets are \$2
each. Use the coupon on the back to order your tickets. Call
750-7129 for more information.

SKY SHOWS

Come celebrate the Morrison Planetarium's 40th Anniversary!
The fall show, "Planetarium on Parade" gives you a behind-the-
scenes peek at how the Planetarium was built and how it has
grown. This show celebrates the past and highlights the future
of one of the world's major planetariums. The show is presented
at 2 pm weekdays, and 2 & 4 pm weekends.

"Explorations," a show which commemorates International
Space Year, follows humanity's quest for discovery from the
New World to Neptune. This show will be presented on week-
ends at 1 & 3 pm. "Startalk," a look at the night sky, continues
to be shown at noon on weekends. Call 750-7141 for more
Planetarium information.

City Arts & Lectures, Inc.
Sydney Goldstein, Director, presents

California Academy of Sciences
Conversations at the Herbst Theatre



Wednesday
December 2

WENDELL BERRY

Fidelity; A Place on Earth
In Conversation with Sedge Thomson

Monday
January 11

ERROL MORRIS

Documentary Film Maker:
"A Brief History of Time," "The Thin Blue Line"
In Conversation with Timothy Ferris

Tuesday
February 2

DOUGLAS ADAMS

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy;
Last Chance to See; Mostly Harmless
In Conversation with Roy Eisenhardt

Tuesday
March 30

FRITJOF CAPRA

The Tao of Physics; The Turning Point;
In Conversation with Jerry Kay

Thursday
April 8

AMORY LOVINS

Energy Unbound
Founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute
In Conversation with Keay Davidson

Wednesday
April 28

URSULA K. LE GUIN

Seaward; Always Coming Home
In Conversation with Sedge Thomson

Tuesday
May 4

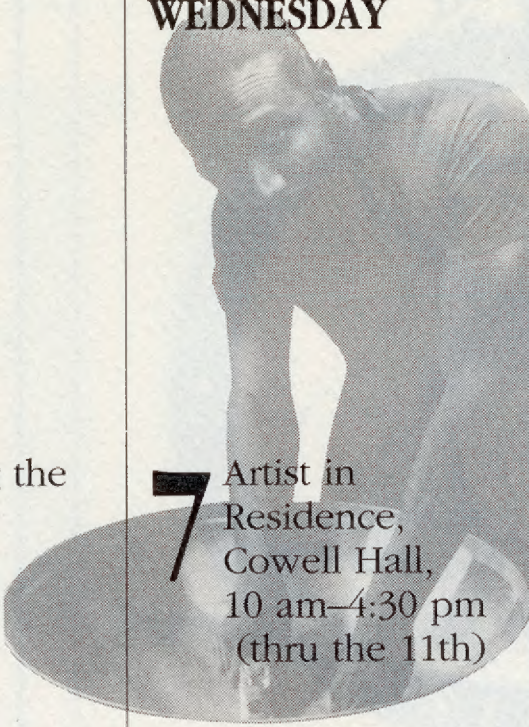
MARC REISNER

Cadillac Desert: The American West
and its Disappearing Water; Game Wars
In Conversation with Dr. John McCosker

- Series Tickets are \$84 each and receive priority attention
- Individual tickets are \$14 each
- For Ticket Information call (415) 392-4400

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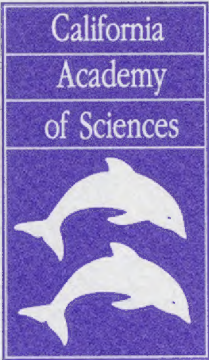
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October is a great month to enjoy current exhibits at the Academy. Highlights include: Natural Visions: The Art of Robert Bateman through November 1; Celebrate! Caribbean Festival Arts through January 3; and ENDANGERED , the timely and poignant audio tour and exhibit which members can enjoy FREE!						
4	5	6 "Exploring the Universe," 7:30 pm	7 Artist in Residence, Cowell Hall, 10 am-4:30 pm (thru the 11th)	8 Lecture, "Food for the Gods," 7:30 pm	9	3 Traditional Arts, 1 pm
11 Children's Festival of Nature, 12:30-3:30 pm	12	13	14 Members Open House, 6-9 pm	15 Members Open House, 6-9 pm	16	10 Traditional Arts, 1 pm Volunteer Day at Pepperwood
18	19	20 Lecture, Moving the Streets Indoors," 7:30 pm	21 Lecture, "Life in a Jungle Tree House," 7:30 pm	22	23	17 Traditional Arts, 1 pm
25	26	27 Estate Planning Seminar, 9:30 am	28	29	30	24 Traditional Arts, 1 pm
						31 Traditional Arts, 1 pm

In early **NOVEMBER** . . . enjoy The Allen O'Brien Memorial Lecture, "**The Evolution of Human Reasoning Instincts**" on November 5. November 6-10, Turkish Weavers return to demonstrate their fascinating craft. Details in next month's newsletter.

THE ACADEMY STORE

CHILIES TO CHOCOLATE: FOOD THE AMERICAS GAVE THE WORLD

The recently released book, *Chilies to Chocolate: Food the Americas Gave the World*, traces the biological and cultural history of New World crops that have had worldwide economic importance. Edited by Linda Cordell, the Academy's Irvine Curator of Anthropology, and Nelson Foster, the book was inspired by an enormously popular public symposium supported by the Reitz Food Technology Foundation held at the Academy in 1988. This book is now available in The Academy Store for \$13.95.



VISITOR SERVICES
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